

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an image processing system, whether relevant pixels in the character image information obtained by reading an original on which characters have been recorded are object
5 pixels to be subjected to enhancement processing is determined. The relevant pixel is determined to be an object pixel when the density of the relevant pixel is not lower than a first threshold value higher than the density of the background of the border of the original and not higher than the density of
10 a thinnest line in lines which form the characters and is not higher than a second threshold value not lower than the density of a thinnest line in lines which form the characters and the relevant pixel is determined to be a thin line pixel forming a part of a thin line image.